

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: PRODUCTION OF A DIRECTLY COMPRESSIBLE TABLETTING AID



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response the Office Action mailed September 12, 2000, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks which follow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A [D]irectly compressible tabletting aid, comprising
[characterized in that it has] a xylitol content of more than 90% by weight and a content
of at least one other polyol of less than 10% by weight, [and is] produced by dissolving
the xylitol in a solvent and spray drying or fluidized bed granulation.
2. (Amended) A [D]irectly compressible tabletting aid, according to Claim
1, [characterized in that the other] wherein polyols present in addition to xylitol are
selected from the group consisting of mannitol and lactitol.
3. (Twice Amended) A [D]irectly compressible tabletting aid, according to
Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein it is obtainable by dissolving xylitol and at least
one other polyol in water and spraying the resulting aqueous mixture in a stream of air at
a temperature of from 120°C to 300°C.